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Part One: WITH GRACE, WITHOUT FEAR



MEGA MAN TO
GROUND CONTROL!
THE LAUNCH WAS
SUCCESSFUL--

--WHAT A
RUSH!

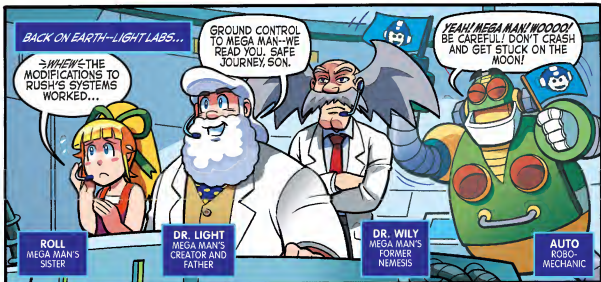
ARF!

HAHA--
YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN! WE'RE
EN ROUTE TO THE
FIRST MISSING
ASTEROID
NOW!

MEGA MAN
THE BLUE
BOMBER

RUSH
IN "RUSH
SPACE"
MODE





BACK ON EARTH--LIGHT LABS...

⇒WHEN THE MODIFICATIONS TO RUSH'S SYSTEMS WORKED...

GROUND CONTROL TO MEGA MAN--WE READ YOU. SAFE JOURNEY, SON.

YEAH! MEGA MAN! WOOOO! BE CAREFUL! DON'T CRASH AND GET STUCK ON THE MOON!

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S
SISTER

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S
CREATOR AND
FATHER

DR. WILY
MEGA MAN'S
FORMER
NEMESIS

AUTO
ROBO-
MECHANIC



COME-COME--MEGA MAN HAS TRIUMPHED OVER MANY A ROBOT MASTER ALREADY. I'M SURE HE'LL BE FINE.

ALL THE SAME--GOOD LUCK UP THERE, BOY.

OR NOT! THIS WILD ROBO-GOOSE CHASE IS A RISKY GAMBIT!

MY NEW FORTRESS, BREAK MAN'S MISSION, MY OWN PROJECT HERE...IT'LL BE CLOSE EVEN IN THE BEST SCENARIO!

"YOU'LL EITHER GATHER ALL THE ENERGY ELEMENTS AND ENABLE MY MASTER PLAN...

"...OR ONE OF MY 'ROGUE' ROBOT MASTERS WILL FINALLY DESTROY YOU!"

ABOARD THE
HYDROPONICS
ASTEROID...

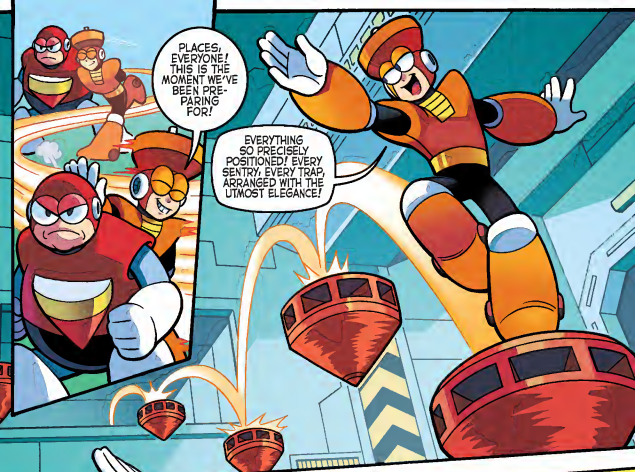
BROO-DEET!
BROO-DEET!

TOP MAN

DWN-021
HIGH-VELOCITY,
GYROSCOPIC-
STABILIZED ROBOT
MASTER

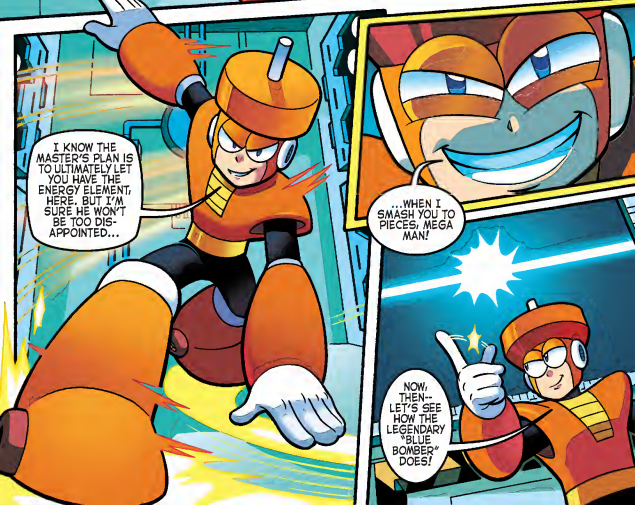
[GREAT AT
PLANNING AHEAD,
BUT SOMETIMES
PUSHES HIS
LUCK...]

AH-HA-HA!
AT LAST! TIME
TO GET THINGS
ROLLING!



PLACES,
EVERYONE!
THIS IS THE
MOMENT WE'VE
BEEN PRE-
PARING
FOR!

EVERYTHING
SO PRECISELY
POSITIONED! EVERY
SENTRY, EVERY TRAP,
ARRANGED WITH THE
UTMOST ELEGANCE!



I KNOW THE
MASTER'S PLAN IS
TO ULTIMATELY LET
YOU HAVE THE
ENERGY ELEMENT,
HERE. BUT I'M
SURE HE WON'T
BE TOO DIS-
APPOINTED...

...WHEN I
SMASH YOU TO
PIECES, MEGA
MAN!

NOW,
THEN--
LET'S SEE
HOW THE
LEGENDARY
"BLUE
BOMBER"
DOES!



CLICK- WHRRR-
WHRRR CLUNK!

TOP MAN! I'VE COME
FOR THE ENERGY
ELEMENT YOU STOLE.*

WE DON'T HAVE TO
FIGHT. RA MOON IS
DEAD--HE WON'T
CONTROL YOU ANY-
MORE.

PLEASE--LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACE-
FULLY. TELL ME WHY YOU WENT ROGUE.
WE CAN FIND YOU A NEW PURPOSE ON
EARTH, JUST LIKE DR. LIGHT INTENDED.

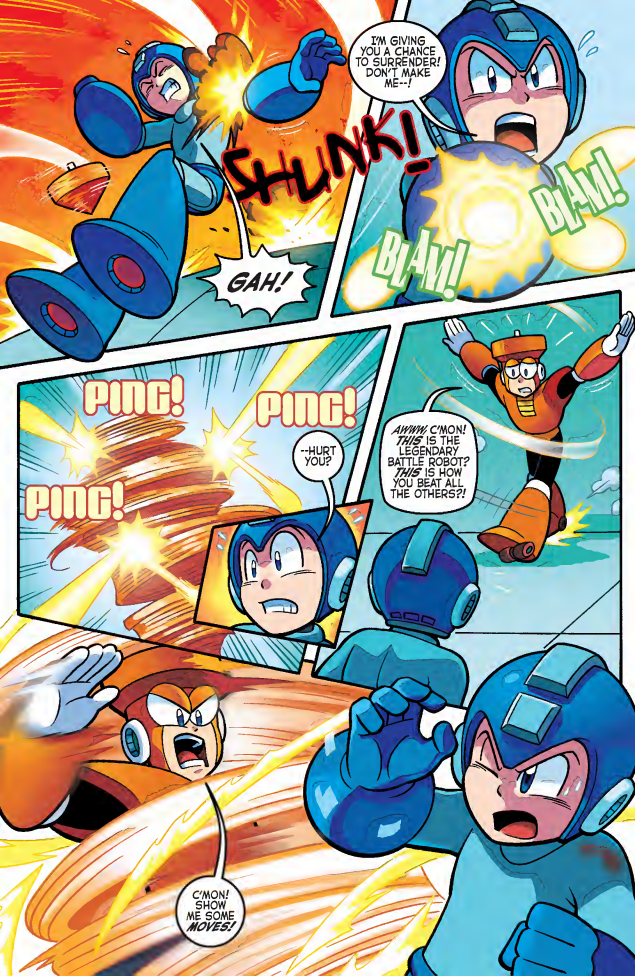
* MEGA
MAN
#36.

Y'KNOW, SO FAR YOU'VE
DISAPPOINTED ME. I MEAN
--*YOU* TOOK DOWN THE LIGHT
NUMBERS? AND WILY'S FIRST
LINE?

I DUNNO--I GUESS I
WAS HOPING FOR MORE
THAN SOME THUG KID
WITH MORE FLAIR THAN
"RUN FORWARD AND
SHOOT."

WE'RE CENTER STAGE
NOW, MEGA MAN! DON'T
DISAPPOINT ME NOW!

LET'S
DANCE
!!!



I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO SURRENDER! DON'T MAKE ME--!

SHUNK!

GAH!

BLAM!

BLAM!

PING!

PING!

PING!

--HURT YOU?

AWWWW, C'MON! *THIS* IS THE LEGENDARY BATTLE ROBOT? *THIS* IS HOW YOU BEAT ALL THE OTHERS?!

C'MON! SHOW ME SOME MOVES!



THAK!

BOOM!

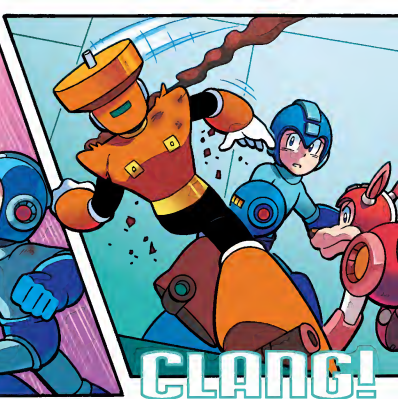
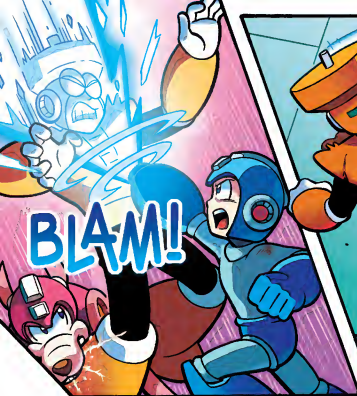
BOOM!

**RUSH!
NOW!**

DON'T JUST
DODGE AND GLARE
AT ME! DO SOME-
THING UNIQUE!
SOMETHING UNPRE-
DICTABLE!

WHAT--?!

CHOMP!

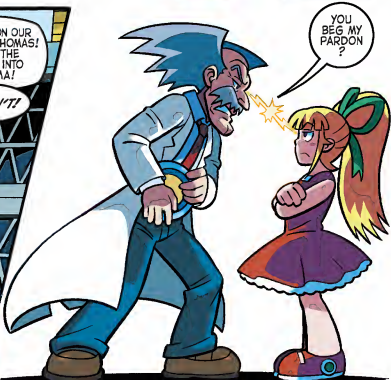


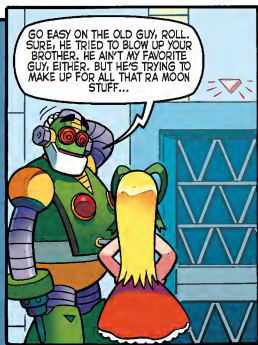
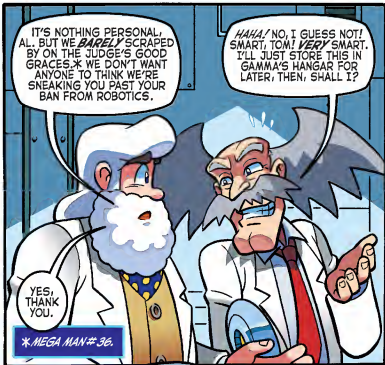
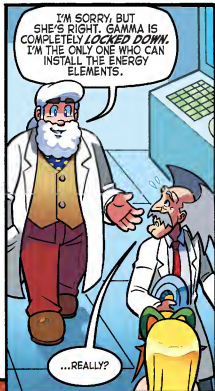




HAHAHA! AT LAST! ONE DOWN, SEVEN TO GO!

THAT'S ONE STEP CLOSER TO GETTING GAMMA BACK ONLINE! ONE STEP CLOSER TO PROTECTING THE WORLD.





"I NEED TO STAY WITH
DR. LIGHT AND HELP
HIM WATCH OVER
MEGA MAN."

SOON-ON AN
ABANDONED
MINING
ASTEROID...

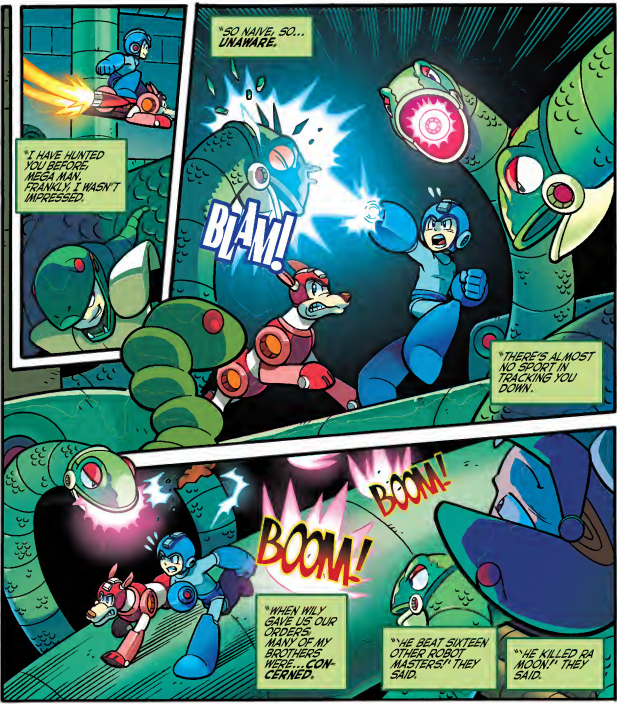
SNAKE MAN

DWN-022
SEARCH, SEEK AND
SPYING ROBOT
MASTER

(ENJOYS CORNERING
HIS PREY A BIT TOO
MUCH...)

BROO-DEET!

AHH... GOOD. HE'S HERE.
THIS IS ALMOST *TOO* EASY
...BUT I'LL FIND A WAY TO
ENJOY IT!



"SO NAIVE, SO...
UNAWARE."

"I HAVE HUNTED
YOU BEFORE,
MEGA MAN.
FRANKLY, I WASN'T
IMPRESSED."

BIAM!

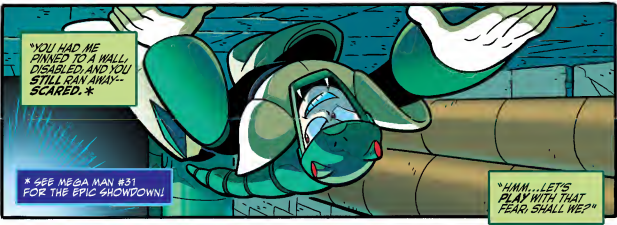
"THERE'S ALMOST
NO SPORT IN
TRACKING YOU
DOWN."

BOOM!
BOOM!

"WHEN WILLY
GAVE US OUR
ORDERS,
MANY OF MY
BROTHERS
WERE...
CONCERNED."

"HE BEAT SIXTEEN
OTHER ROBOT
MASTERS!" THEY
SAID."

"HE KILLED RA
MOON!" THEY
SAID."



"YOU HAD ME
PINNED TO A WALL,
DISABLED, AND YOU
STILL RAN AWAY--
SCARED. *

* SEE MEGA MAN #31
FOR THE EPIC SHOWDOWN!

"HMM...LET'S
PLAY WITH THAT
FEAR, SHALL WE?"



HELLO, MEGA MAN. YOU SHOULD HURRY.

"YES, YOU CAN COPY OUR WEAPON DATA. YES, YOU'VE HAD AN INEXPLICABLE NUMBER OF VICTORIES..."

"... THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT HE'S A LITTLE BOY PLAYING AT WAR."

...SHOULD HURRY. IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THE ENERGY ELEMENT SHATTERED. ALL YOUR FATHER'S WORK, ALL YOUR FIGHTING--FOR NOTHING!

N-NO! DON'T! FORGET THE SNAKES, RUSH, WE NEED TO--!

CHOMP!

GRRR!

"DOCTOR LIGHT MAY HAVE PUT A BUSTER ON THE CHILD'S ARM..."

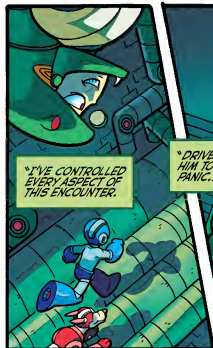
**BIAM!
BIAM!
BIAM!**

"... BUT THE FOOL LEFT THE CHILDISH COMPASSION INTACT!"

HANG. BACK.

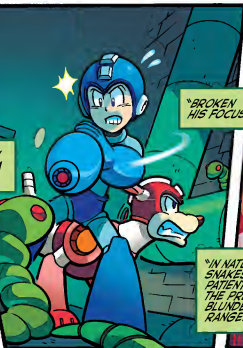
"I'VE TOYED WITH HIM ENOUGH. IT'S TIME TO END THIS FARCE."

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT STUFF IN YOU. MORE IMPORTANTLY--I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT!



"I'VE CONTROLLED
EVERY ASPECT OF
THIS ENCOUNTER."

"DRIVEN
HIM TO A
PANIC..."



"BROKEN
HIS FOCUS."

"IN NATURE, THE
SNAKES WAIT
PATIENTLY AS
THE PREY
BLUNDERS INTO
RANGE..."



"...AND THEN
THEY STRIKE!"



SH-KING!

"THE SNAKES OF
NATURE COIL
AROUND THEIR
PREY..."



"...AND CRUSH THE
LIFE OUT OF THEM!"



"AND IN NATURE,
THE SNAKES--"



WEAPON EQUIP:
TOP SPIN!



"--THE SNAKES..."



"SO HE ALREADY DEFEATED
TOP MAN--SO WHAT?"

"HE WAS THE WEAKEST OF
US! ANYONE COULD'VE
TAKEN TOP MAN OUT!"

"I STILL
CONTROL THE
SCENARIO! I
HAVE FROM
THE START!"

"MEGA MAN DIES!"

"HERE!"

"NOW!"

SLAM!



"NO! I--!"



AUGH!

BLAM!



"--I...!"

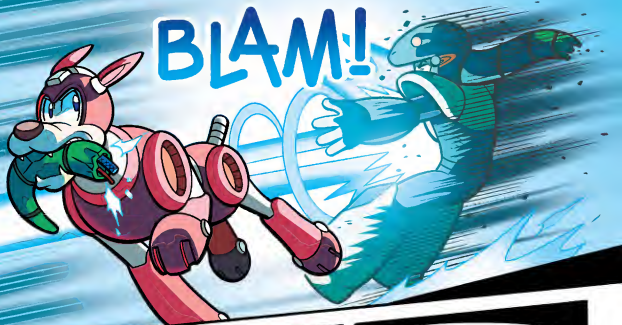
"...I WAS THE
FOOL, FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING."



"I WAS NEVER
THE HUNTER
HERE..."

"...I WAS THE
HUNTED!"

BLAM!



YEAH-YEAH, I KNOW. WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM. JUST MAKE SURE THE I.C. CHIPS WE COLLECT STAY INTACT.



MEGA MAN, THIS IS GROUND CONTROL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M SHOWING A MASSIVE POWER DRAIN!

I'M...I'M OKAY, DR. LIGHT. I'LL SEND YOU THE NEXT ENERGY ELEMENT IN A MOMENT...

...WHICH I BARELY GOT FROM SNAKE MAN IN TIME, OR WAS IT A BLUFF?

THAT'S ONLY TWO OF THE ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS DOWN. I'VE STILL GOT SIX TO GO--AND THERE'S NO EXTRA HELP OUT HERE IN SPACE!

THE HUNT FOR THE **ROBOT MASTERS** ISN'T OVER! CAN **MEGA MAN** COMPLETE HIS MISSION? CAN HE MAKE IT HOME IN **ONE PIECE**?! AND WHAT IS **DR. WILY** PLOTTING FROM **THE SHADOWS**?

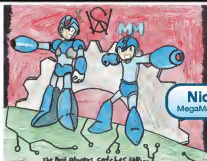
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Dear Mega-Mail,
Let me start off with this: these comics are awesome! They're actually what got me into the Mega Man series! Keep up the good work!

Hello! That's Mega-great to hear!

My favorite comic so far is #17. I loved the scenes with no dialogue, and the overall backstory was incredibly well done, even though I wanted to bang my head against a wall since Blues wouldn't go back home. And please tell Blues this: If you do not go to Light Labs soon, I will find you and drag you there myself!

Sincerely,
Sarah S. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Sarah! Blues sure is stubborn! Now that he's allied himself with Dr. Wily, there's no telling what could happen next!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I really loved Mega Man #38 because it really fleshed out X as a 'bot who cared for men and androids.

We're eager to dive further into the X story and its characters!

Let us know if you would like to see more of the X universe in your fan-letters!

When Xander Payne was time-traveling you could really tell that he was afraid of Mega Man, the Robot Masters and their creators.

Xander can't stand technology that can think for itself. He won't rest until he's shut down all advanced robotics once and for all, even if that means using the technology he hates to his advantage!

What is that thing-a-majig Dr. Cain was holding in Dr. Wily's Lab. And can I be Pharaoh-Man's #1 fan?!

Nathan G. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Nathan! If you haven't read the whole story yet it may be better if I keep that for you to find out by reading Mega Man #40! I now gladly appoint you as Pharaoh Man's #1 fan!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hi there! I've been busy catching up with all of the Mega Man comics so far and I am incredibly impressed. Fans continually

praise your respect for the series and its characters and I second that! It's so refreshing to see content which doesn't simply re-tell the games but adds a rich backstory and universe on top of them. The character development is top notch as well -- I find myself loving and hating Dr. Wily simultaneously, he's taken self absorption and scheming to new heights!

Haha! I totally get that!

The character I'm most impressed with is Proto Man -- the origin story and issue #35 in particular were done exceptionally well and I wanted to thank you for creating such a wonderful story with such a tragic and complex character! Keep up the great work!

Regards,
Raj D. sent to
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Thank you for the praise, Raj! We appreciate your kind words and hope you enjoy what's yet to come!

We'll see y'all next time for more "Legends of the Blue Bomber"!



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